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For: SYSTEM FOR CLOSING AN OPENING IN A
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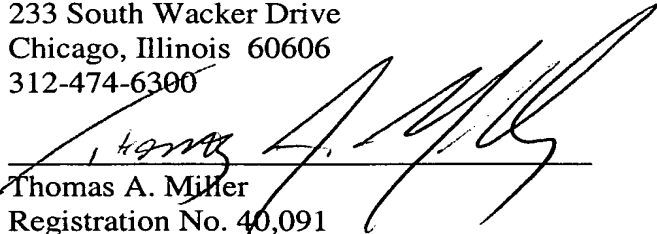
Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive an Office Action from the Patent and Trademark Office as more than two years have passed since this application was filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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